

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Patent Office for the careful attention accorded this application and respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the Amendment above and remarks set forth below.

In response the Office Action dated June 4, 2003, Applicants have canceled claims 56-60 without prejudice or disclaimer, and have amended claims 72, 74-76, 84, and 86-89 in order to correct errors of a typographical nature and to avoid any basis for rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112.

Amended claims 72-77 and 84-89 are believed to be in condition for allowance for the reasons given by the Examiner in the Office Action.

Applicants have also clarified the paragraphs of the Specification not set out clearly in the Substitute Specification filed April 3, 2002.

Applicants also submit herewith an Information Disclosure Statement for entry in the present Application.

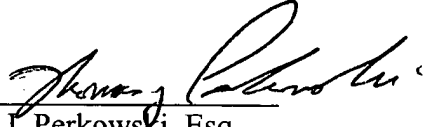
In view, therefore, of the Amendment and remarks set forth above, the present invention defined by amended Claims 72-77 and 84-89 is firmly believed to be neither anticipated by, nor rendered obvious in view of the prior art of record, and that the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies to Deposit Account 16-1340.

Favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

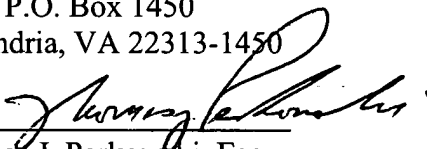
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